

Leadership for the Government Executive Program FAQs February 2007

Program Highlights

The next generation of successful California government leaders will be those who know how to embrace and implement positive government transformation and build cross-functional and interagency relationships.

1. Who can apply for this program?

This is a leadership program for managers. We encourage you to nominate individuals responsible for setting policy across agency and departmental lines. Think of your key managers and programs in regards to your succession plan. Nominate those who will benefit from the leadership curriculum and those who are in a leadership position or poised to be in the near future. We encourage enrollment from all program areas (business and information technology).

2. Who is encouraged to apply?

We encourage all those in a management position to apply.

3. Can I submit an application if I'm an SSM I or II?

Yes, non-managerial designated employees should apply. Many job responsibilities focus on statewide policy so there may be an opportunity for acceptance. Priority will be given to *designated* managers, as this program is part of the State's effort to address succession planning and cross-department policy/problem resolution.

4. Is this certificate program only for employees in an information technology classification?

No. This is a leadership program that will focus on key executive and management issues such as the following:

- Set the Statewide/Program Vision and Goals
- Build a Services Culture Through Effective Leadership
- Embrace Change and Overcome Obstacles
- Coach and Mentor for Individual Development
- Sustain Change Through Teamwork and Community
- Communicate Strategies for Long-term Success
- Measure and Evaluate Change Efforts

5. Why should I send someone to this certificate program?

Today's business climate is one of government transformation that embraces a services culture. Many of us are not familiar with how to build this service culture or sustain it for long-term success. This program is for those who want to be a successful leader in today's environment of government transformation and those who want to grow new leaders as part of their succession planning effort to sustain long-term success.

6. How can I find out more about this program?

Go to <http://www.cio.ca.gov/GovExecCertPrgm.html> for more information and the announcement about this program from our sponsors, Will Bush, Undersecretary, State and Consumer Services Agency, J. Clark Kelso, Chief Information Officer, State of California, and David A. Gilb, Director, Department of Personnel Administration.

7. Where can I find information about the scholars, speakers, and a description of the course curriculum?

Please see the following websites for more information about the program.

Sacramento State University: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/leadershipforgov>

Office of the State Chief Information Officer: <http://www.cio.ca.gov/ITHR.html>

8. How do I apply for this certificate program?

Complete the Nomination Form and the Registration Agreement on the Sacramento State website at <http://www.cce.csus.edu/leadershipforgov>. Participants are nominated by their supervisor within their organization and must have Director/designee approval.

9. When are the Nomination and Registration forms due?

The forms are due to Sacramento State by **March 7, 2007** for the two sessions that begin March 23, 2007. Mail your forms to the following address:

Leadership for the Government Executive
College of Continuing Education
Sacramento State
3000 State University Drive, East
Sacramento, CA 95819-6103

10. How many nominations will be accepted per organization?

There are two sessions (24 in each session) for a total of 48 participants. There are no limitations on the number of nominations from an organization. The program is intended to facilitate cross-department interactions and problem solving. Nominations are encouraged, as those who are not accepted to the session originally applied for, may be approved for a following session.

11. What is the cost for this program?

Cost for the program is \$3,964 per person.

12. Does the program cost include books/course materials and breakfast or lunch?

Yes, the program includes books/course materials, a continental breakfast and a boxed lunch.

13. Can I audit the class for a reduced fee?

There are no provisions for auditing this class at this time.

14. What is the course code for the Sacramento State Registration Agreement form?

The Registration Agreement on the Sacramento State website at <http://www.cce.csus.edu/pdfs/LeadGovExecRegAgree.pdf> has the course code, start date, and price.

Registration Note:

Complete the Sacramento State Nomination and Registration forms along with your departmental training forms and processes.

15. Will participants be able to bring real projects to the classroom and use them as class projects?

Upon acceptance to the program, participants will be asked to submit two (2) ideas for a group project to be completed during the course of the training. From this pool of project ideas, several will be chosen based upon their depth, scope, and applicability to the content. These projects will serve as an integral part of the program and we appreciate everyone's input.

16. Who can I contact for more information?

Please call Bonnie Thompson, Program Coordinator, at the College of Continuing Education at (916) 278-4551.